

Strange & Wonderful News

FROM

IRISH LAND.

WHALE

A Prodigious Size, being Eighty Two Foot

long; Cast Ashore on the Third of this Instant February, near

DUBLIN, and there Exposed to Public View.

Long Letter to a Person of Quality.

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About Two o'Clock the Tyde going out, he was left like a great Ship on ground, with the Keel upwards, full of Water, and full of Fire, and spouting out Water in vast quantities, which being carried by an Easterly Wind, sometimes reach'd as far as the Shore.

About an hour after he was left upon the Strand, wallowing in the Mud, beating the ground with his Head, and flapping with his Tail, in such violent and hideous manner, that the Wind thereof blew away several People, who came running down upon the Strand, Roaring as if there had been a Legion of Dutch Cannon within him, and with that dreadful and horrible Noise, as if they had been Discharged at one Broad-side, for his last Volley. In this Hurricane there was not a Cabin in Seven Miles round that had a Glass Window left upon small thin Drink was soured, and their Milk turned into Curd, and they.

In this fury, *Leviathan* expired, when the Assembly taking fresh Courage by his Death, laid Siege to the deserted Garrison. Engines are erected, and he is brought ashore, being in length Eighty Two Foot, the Tongue weighing above Six Hundred Pound, as soft, but much bigger than a Feather-Bed. The Heart bigger and fatter than the Body of a great Ox, the Ribs and Bones like Beams, and the Teeth all Whale-bone, like the Rapiers of a House meeting in Couples, but something closer, with white Beards like Wheat-Sheafs at the end of them, and the Tail like a chequer'd striped Scotch Plaid, split in the middle, and spreading open on both sides. In the Mouth of which, being prop'd up with the mast of a *Dublin Gallie*, many People have been together.

In the opening of him they found Three Men and a Boy, with Three large Horns of Snuff, and a Runlet of *Usquebab*. The Men were known, being poor Fishermen belonging to a Creek within Four Miles of *Drogheda*. One of the Men having an Oar in his Hand which struck fast in his Gills, and the Boat running a drift, stuck cross in his Throat, which was thought to be the occasion of his wreck. Others finding a quantity of Barrel-Boxes within him, thought it might be with excess of some hot Liquors which agreed not with his Phlegmatick Constitution.

In the dissecting of him, the Meat which is yet to be seen, being rather Flesh than Fluff, the Skin and upper Parts resembling salted-smoked-Bacon, and under that, red Flesh, like swill'd Mutton or Dutch Beef, of which many have eaten, and found it so.

The Head, Heart, Tail, and other Parts are yet to be seen in *Dummeny* in *Dublin*, as you will find by the Bills, which are Printed and given out in this City, which I have sent you Inclosed.

A Copy of the Bills as they are Printed and given out in *Dublin*.

At the WHITEHOUSE in the midst of *St. Mary's-Lane*, in *Oxmouth* in *Dublin*, is to be seen.

The Head, Heart, Tail, and other Parts of the most Prodigious and Monstrous *W. H. A. L. E.* that ever was seen or heard of in these Parts of the World, being in length Eighty Two Foot, &c.

By *Patrick Simmons*,
By *David Comers*, &c.

Price Half a Cobb.

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